

## **SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. RS2020-431**

**A resolution requesting Mayor John Cooper to ~~include a representative from work with~~ the Community Oversight Board, ~~a representative from community organizations and advocacy groups,~~ Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, The Equity Alliance, Metro Community Oversight Now, Metro Human Relations Commission, and ~~a representative from the Fraternal Order of Police on a committee to assist with gathering community input and to ensure a transparent process to select the next Chief of Police.~~**

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, Mayor John Cooper announced that Metro Police Chief Steve Anderson will be retiring in the fall of 2020. On July 28, 2020, Mayor John Cooper announced the roadmap for hiring the next Chief of Police, which includes a period of public comment; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of community organizations and advocacy groups in Nashville, including but not limited to Community Oversight Now, Metro Human Relations Commission, the Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), and The Equity Alliance that have a vested interest in ensuring Nashville's next Chief of Police is responsive to community needs and concerns regarding policing; and

WHEREAS, ~~in the wake of the murder of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis, it has become clear that in order to save the lives of black men and women, police practices must change; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~in order to build trust between the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and our impacted communities of color, Nashville's next Chief of Police must be a leader who is willing to oversee significant policy changes in the Police Department and who is empathetic to the concerns people of color impacted communities have regarding policing in Nashville; and~~

WHEREAS, in order to create meaningful policy and behavioral change in the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and to increase community trust, the Mayor should also seek to involve these community organizations and advocacy groups, as well the Fraternal Order of Police, in the process of selecting a new Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Community Oversight Board ("COB") was overwhelmingly approved by the voters of Nashville and Davidson County in November 2018 to provide a greater level of oversight regarding the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the COB has the power and responsibility under Section 11.1302 of the Metropolitan Charter to make recommendations to agencies involved in public safety and the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, ~~in addition to the COB, there are a number of community organizations and advocacy groups in Nashville, including but not limited to Community Oversight Now, and the Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition (TIRRC), and The Equity Alliance that have a vested interest in ensuring Nashville's next Chief of Police is responsive to community needs and concerns regarding policing; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~in order to create meaningful policy and behavioral change in the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and to increase community trust, the Mayor should seek to involve representatives for the COB and other these community organizations and advocacy groups, as well as a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police, in the process of selecting a new Chief of Police.~~

WHEREAS, further, it is important that the Mayor work with these organizations to foster community engagement where all Nashvillians, especially those impacted communities, can give input on what

qualities they want in a new Chief of Police and what reforms are a priority for the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as requesting Mayor John Cooper to ~~include a representative from work with~~ the Community Oversight Board, ~~representatives from other community organizations and advocacy groups,~~ Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, The Equity Alliance, Metro Community Oversight Now, Metro Human Relations Commission, and a representative from the Fraternal Order of Police on a committee to gather community input and to ensure a transparent process to select the next Chief of Police.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

SPONSORED BY:

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